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From: Ken Turcic <goodseed@pathway.com>
To: A7.A7(rhundt)
Date: 5/7/97 9:30pm
Subject: Pending vote on internet line fees

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

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I just read a message from my internet provider about the pending vote to increase charges to internet users for the purpose of forcing lower fees to schools. I want you to know that I and many others strongly oppose this change and urge you to vote against at May 8th, meeting. Don't you people realize that the United States was founded on a free economy and not by force regulation!!!! I pay enough in income, state, sales, property taxes and I look at this as one more form of taxation without representation.. The internet should be based on a free market. Every user must decide whether he or she wants to pay the going price for the service. If you can't afford it then don't use it. It's time we all started managing our business and assets in this manner.

So please vote against this for the consumer sake.....

Commissioner James Quello: jquello@fcc.gov
Commissioner Susan Ness: sness@fcc.gov
Commissioner Rachelle Chong: rchong@fcc.gov

CC: A7.A7(RCHONG,SNESS,JQUELLO)

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From: McGee, Albert <amcgee@pathway.net>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 5/7/97 10:53pm
Subject: Modem Tax

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Madam:

I would like to urge you to please vote NO on the "Modem Tax".

I feel that once again that a majority of the citizens of our country are getting the shaft.

I am a disabled, retired person with very poor vision and now on fixed income. This act will

no doubt force me to abandon the only enjoyment. I use several aids to allow me to use my

computer that I have been using for almost 20 years.

Why is it that many must suffer for the good of the few. There must be other ways to fund this

provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Please!

Thank you

Albert McGee

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From: dani <dani@clover.net>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 5/7/97 8:41pm
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Modem Tax]

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Please vote no on the Universal Service Proposal on May 8th.
People like me who own small businesses don't need yet another selective
tax.

Thank you,
Dawnetta Howard

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of Security

From: Oster, Nate R. <nate@pathway.net>
To: A7.A7(rhundt)
Date: 5/8/96 11:27am
Subject: Oppose the Universal Service Program

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am again disappointed with my government's operation today when I learned of your proposed "Universal Service Program." This proposal is a high-handed bureaucratic attempt at providing services which only you deem necessary by placing an unnecessary and unprecedented burden on the American consumer.

I don't know about you, but my forefathers fought and died to defend, among other things, the proposition that no body of People may be taxed without their direct representation in the matter. I do not recall electing you. Regardless of whatever legal sactions and precedents you hide this action behind, one simple fact is not lost on Americans: You are usurping the power of the legislature by enacting a tax without the consent of our elected representatives. You ought to be ashamed of the very idea.

I understand that schools and other such organizations ought to have Internet access and other such services. Very well then. Each year I pay my State and the Federal government a large portion of my income so that they can accomplish such things. Already, ill-concieved ideas such as this have placed a montrous tax burden on this nation. If my leaders wish to use a portion of the taxes I already pay to finance your scheme, I applaud them. However, that money should come from existing programs, not from a new and burdensome tax upon every American with the audacity to have two phone lines or every Internet Service Provider who thinks they ought to actually make a profit from their business.

Do not entertain the "Internet Tax" monster. I implore you to strike down this idea in its tracks.

Sincerely,
Nathan Oster
mailto:nate@pathway.net

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Federal Election Commission
Office of Publicity

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From: <IntfMatt@aol.com>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 5/8/97 1:21pm
Subject: USP

I am aware that today is the day in which you will vote on the Universal Service Plan, and I want to encourage you to to not approve it in the hope of finding a far more suitable plan. If the plan is passed, please forward me any information that you may have on in, as I feel that it may have a great impact on me. Thank you, and I appologize for the intrusion.
Patrick

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From: Michelle F Duncan <Michelle_F_Duncan@dlc.dqe.com>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG, SNESS, JQUELLO, rhundt)
Date: 5/8/97 11:09am
Subject: Universal Service Proposal

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Federal Communications Commission
Division of Regulatory Affairs

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Please REJECT the Universal Service Proposal.

Although as a parent, it sounds honorable to offer lower rates to schools for modem access, the money for this service is unevenly impacting specific groups.

My personal concern is that as a rural customer, we have two phone lines because our telephone company did not offer conference calling. The second phone line is rarely used, and we already pay a high monthly charge for the privilege. The Universal Service Proposal will penalize us again with a higher monthly fee, just for having the second line.

Haven't we learned that allowing the market to work without monopolies or regulation or price-fixing is the most efficient way to keep prices low for all consumers?

Please review this proposal again and look beyond the "feel good" honorable intentions and REJECT it.

Thanks,
Michelle F. Duncan

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From: Gatewood, William R. <billg@pathway.net>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 5/7/97 10:50pm
Subject: Telephone Rate Increase

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Don't you people think we pay enough to the government???

I am sick and tired of constantly throwing money after programs that don't work. By the time you people get done regulating, only Bill Gates will be able to afford a telephone connection.

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Get your head out of your ____.

Bill Gatewood
billg@pathway.net

CC 96-45

From: "Sarah McKnight" <sam98@pathway.net>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG,SNESS,JQUELLO,rhndt)
Date: May 7, 1997 7:59pm
Subject: Please vote no.

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My name is Sarah McKnight and I am a student at Slippery Rock High in Slippery Rock, PA. I recently found out that there is a possible plan to raise phone rates for internet users. This is a terrible idea due to the fact that many students use internet services for informational resources and connections around the world. This will make possible users change their minds due to the cost. Educators encourage students and adults to use the internet due to it's educational influence on our lives, yet the more expensive it is, the less young adults will be able to use it. Lastly, this universal tax is unfair to online users, companies, and people with more than one phone line and should be voted down. Thank you for your time.

Sarah A. McKnight
(sam98@pathway.net)

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